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FRIENDS OF MEALS ON WHEELS DONATES \$24,000 TO DEPARTMENT OF AGING

FREDERICK, MD – [Friends of Meals on Wheels of Frederick County](#) recently donated \$24,000 to the Frederick County Department of Aging to help purchase food for eligible participants. Since the Meals on Wheels program relies on government and public support, and no one is denied a meal due to an inability to pay, the Meals on Wheels program can only serve as many people as local, state and federal funding allows.

The grant provided by Friends of Meals on Wheels will ensure that the Department of Aging continues to provide two meals (one hot and one cold) that are delivered by volunteers to participants in the county.

In FY2013, 42,714 meals were served to 113 people. The need continues to increase for meals and there are currently 45 people on the waiting list for services.

Friends of Meals on Wheels of Frederick County is a non-profit organization formed in 2009 with the mission to support the Department of Aging Meals on Wheels program through advocacy, public relations and fundraising in order to achieve its goal of ensuring that no senior or disabled adult is hungry. The organization wants to ensure that the Meals on Wheels program continues to expand and improve as the Frederick County older adult population increases.

Those interested in making a tax deductible donation to the Meals on Wheels program are asked to contact President Gail Wingate, Friends of Meals on Wheels (www.fomow.org), at gailwingate@yahoo.com, or visit the Department of Aging website at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/aging and click on “Donation Opportunities.” Online and other contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, “Like” *Friends of Meals on Wheels of Frederick County, Inc.*, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMealsOnWheelsOfFrederickCountyInc.

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